

Fertilizer Unit At Joliet Arsenal To Close Feb. 1

Termination of fertilizer production activities at the Joliet arsenal will take effect Feb. 1, it was announced in Washington, D. C., today by the ordnance division of the Department of the Army.

By long distance telephone from Robert W. Richards, chief of the Copley Press bureau in Washington, The Herald-News learned that the curtailment of fertilizer manufacturing will affect three other plants, on Feb. 1. Five additional plants, including the one at the Illinois Ordnance plant at Carbondale, will be closed April 1.

THE FERTILIZER program at the arsenual here has been providing employment for 135 civilians.

Reduction of the program was necessitated by the fact that Germany is now self-sufficient in supplying herself with chemical fertilizers, and the demand from Japan and Korea has decreased considerably, officials of the army said.